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**Plaque marks site
of UFO mystery**

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S. P. I.

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EDITORIAL.



Now UFO is official

Well we've done it folks, our perseverance has finally paid off, I just couldn't be happier, even if Hibernian F.C. won the Scottish Cup, its just simply great. What am I on about ? well the Livingston Development Corporation (LDC) has finally, after years of direct pestering by SPI, erected a cairn with plaque to commemorate Bob Taylor's UFO encounter in Dechmont Woods near Livingston West Lothian Scotland. SPI always felt that this encounter should be formally recognised, and that something should be erected in the area of which it took place.

Well its now been done. But above all, what is greatly important is the fact that as far as we believe, this is a WORLD FIRST, this has never ever been done before. I've read about some guy placing strong white lights in a circle in some field, can't remember the country, to try and entice UFOs to land, but this was probably more of an 'attention seeking' gimmick than an actual belief orientated quest. Now, I'd be the first to admit that there are many other more famous, and more interesting UFO encounters worthy of this attention, but as far as Scotland is concerned, Bob Taylor's 1979 UFO encounter is our most famous.

The fact that he was in close proximity to a landed UFO, and that two small spherical objects resembling 2nd world war sea mines, rushed out of this larger object and grabbed at Bob's trousers, ripping them at both hips, the fact that there were numerous marks on the grass left behind after this object had gone, all make it to this group, an incident which should never be forgotten, and now we have persevered and ensured that this is so. Again I'll admit, that at the end of the day, we only have witness: Bob Taylor's word that this incident occurred, but having met the man, never were there anyone that in my opinion spoke the truth on the matter. His sincerity and general public standing enhanced my view that this man did indeed see what he had claimed to have saw. I do not doubt his word, nor will I ever do so.

Is the recognition of this UFO site a good idea then ? We at SPI feel that it is, and I'll tell you why in one word, "Awareness". Public knowledge of this cairn and plaque will no doubt make people more aware of the UFO subject, that it is a facet of enquiring science, that it is an understanding, as yet, out of our reach. That UFOs 'are real', but it is what they are, or represent, that is the problem, and that pursuing the problem is one of the biggest challenges which we at present face. The UFO subject deserves attention and a respectable responsibility, and the erection of this cairn and plaque helps us in getting nearer to achieving those aims. Stewart Campbell and I, were basically the only two Scottish researchers on this case. BUFORA, that's the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, sent up Andy Collins and another chap. Stewart however, did the real spade work, his final conclusions however, that of a star seen low in the sky which induced an epileptic fit on the witness, was not treated too kindly by the UFO community.

I spoke over the phone with witness Bob Taylor recently and he still maintains that what he saw was real. He's not too keen on further publicity about all this and was undecided about whether to attend the official SPI ceremony of which we shall be having in a few months time. When asked about what he felt about the erection of this cairn and plaque, which, by the way, he heard first of all from SPI's Ron Halliday, he said to me, that he was not really fussy one way or the other. He realises now the importance of the UFO subject, of which he did not at the time; and accepts the position that SPI are taking with this issue.

I then spoke over the phone with Dean Swift of the (LDC) concerning the cairn and was surprised to learn that they actually erected it in October last year. They only recently informed SPI about this, this maybe perhaps because of the wrangle that we were having with the (LDC) concerning the actual wording for the plaque. This made big news in some papers in Scotland, (see previous issues of ENIGMAS). However at the end of the day the (LDC) got their way, and the final wording for the plaque reads as follows.

THIS IS THE SITE REFERRED TO IN ARTHUR C CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD WHICH DESCRIBES AN ENCOUNTER BETWEEN A FORESTRY WORKER OUT WALKING AND WHAT APPEARED TO HIM AS AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

As I've said, SPI would have preferred the wording to have been much different but at the end of the day one must accept that it was, after all, the (LDC) who were erecting it, so we must be thankful for this.

I then spoke over the phone with the Livingston Development Corporation's publicity officer, a Mr Stuart Allison, who informed me that the cairn was actually a five foot oval boulder, and not the oblong cairn as I has thought. But basically a boulder is still classified as a cairn. He informed me that there had been much interest in this cairn, and indeed the 'Scotsman' Newspaper and the Edinburgh evening times newspaper, featured an item on this recently. I thanked Stuart for all his help in this, and that we at SPI were full of gratitude for their cooperation on this.

There is no getting away from the fact that this is a major achievement as far as we are concerned in regards to furthering UFOlogy. This is a first. UFOlogy is a serious business, and if SPI can promote it in this way, then we have done something positive in helping achieve those aims.



Robert Taylor, 1982.
Photo, Malcolm Robinson.



Plaque shows discerning ETs locate in Livingston

By Linda Kennedy

IF they are out there, two small round stones with the letters SPI and the words 'Scottish Phenomena Investigators' are the only evidence of a sighting of a UFO.

For 12 years after their first sighting of a UFO, the men have searched on Earth for something they may already have in their own galaxy — immortality.

Livingston Development Corporation has erected the plaque at the site of the sighting of a UFO near the town of Livingston, Scotland, where the stone was said to have landed and remained for several days.

It was a brief and unexpected attack, Mr Taylor, a forester, was walking in the forest one bright morning when he chanced upon a sighting. Facing him was a silver saucer with a disc on the cover.

Transfixed, he stood immobile as two spheres with self-luminous green lights emerged from the disc and hovered towards him. As they grew near, one sphere touched him, he uttered a loud shriek, and blacked out. On regaining consciousness, he was moist and hunched, his chest was grazed, trousers torn, garments soiled.

There was never ever any word of the sighting — but the event went on to become legend. Arthur C Clarke wrote about it in *Mysterious World*, a science fiction magazine. The clearing for 'discs' Mr Taylor told his story again and again — but the world remained sceptical.

So, it transpired, did Livingston Development Corporation — in case of the plaque. "It was an official incident," stressed Paul Filipek, head of planning.

"We have put up the plaque to mark the location where about Arthur C Clarke. We have not used the actual sighting, as we, as an official body, did not want to involve the government."

To Bob Taylor, now 73, his break with the unknown is still close. "I remember it like it was yesterday," he said, from the forester's home to which he has retired. "There is no question in my mind that it was discs. The memory has never faded."

He is almost 60 now, down to Livingston to inspect the ground. "I don't want to get caught up again in all the fuss," he said. "I know what I saw. Whether there's a plaque there or not doesn't matter to me."

But Mr Taylor's indifference is not shared by some UFOlogists. Ron Halliday, of Strange Phenomena Investigations, is glib about the plaque. "We will be happy to accept any ceremony for the plaque," he promised.

"There will be people present with an interest in them, and others who have had close encounters themselves."

Any other little visitors at the ceremony — perhaps from further afield — are welcome. History has, after all, demonstrated their interest in the area.

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I DON'T BELIEVE I'VE CRAPPED MYSELF by Anthony North

This paper is about the sceptical inquirer. You can blame David Barclay - editor of the UFO Debate - for the title. In a marvellous review of THE SCEPTIC in THE UFO DEBATE Vol2, No2, he described super-scepticism as a state of mind '... wherein you don't believe you need to go to the toilet until it is running down your leg.'

Such poetic words touched a cerebral nerve and I was rolling about for the next twenty minutes.

Within days of reading this review, I came across a classic episode of this leg-wetting syndrome. It is presently 0930 on Friday, 17th May 1991, and not half an hour ago I listened to a report on Radio 4 claiming that the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle had been finally solved by the discovery of the wreckage of five military aircraft off the Fort Lauderdale coast. It is more than likely - though, as I write, not definite - that these five aircraft are the legendary Flight 19 which disappeared without trace in 1945, causing the popular controversy of the Bermuda Triangle.

Super-scepticism proliferated on this Radio 4 report. Commentators decreed the death of the Bermuda Triangle myth, ridiculing those writers who had speculated upon UFO abduction and space-time continua, but adding the snide remark that mystery-mongers would still continue to harp on about the mystery to make plenty of money.

Now I'm the first to admit that the real mystery-mongers who purposely distort facts so that they fall in line with their theories should NOT have their wings clipped, as such, but there is a strong case for categorising their work as fiction (for those of you who feel I fall into this category, I hope you enjoy this short story). But I equally believe it's about time the super-sceptic began to live by the same ideal. For instance, the Radio 4 report made no mention of the Martin Mariner flying boat sent to find Flight 19, which also disappeared. But most important, neither did they mention the oodles of researchers who have put forward theories for the Bermuda Triangle within which it is accepted that the lost ships and planes could still be found on the ocean bed.

This attitude is little different to that of the mystery-mongers, in that although they do not distort facts, they DO leave out those all-important little snippets that argue with their often bigoted appraisals.

Scepticism in itself is a valid practice. It is essential to any legitimate enquiry. But I do feel it about time to knock super-scepticism on the head, if for no other reason than constant dribbles down the leg become socially unacceptable.

Consider the constant attacks on many areas of serious paranormal research. The Amazing Randi is at the forefront of such assaults, forever replicating the feats achieved by mystics and psychics. So what? In an article in the same issue as the above UFO DEBATE, I pointed out that many psychological and physical characteristics attributed to psychics are also prevalent in stage magic. Things such as increased awareness and photographic memory, which many believe to be at the heart of stage magic, are equally inherent in the paranormal, allied with such talents as cryptomnesia and unconscious appraisal of the wider aspects of the environment. Such abilities are themselves paranormal. Hence, if phenomena can eventually be locked in psychological and physical manifestation, then Randi's attempts to discredit paranormal research does, in fact, prove it. The antics of Paul Daniels were often mentioned in my article to give credence to this argument.

But super-scepticism even invalidates this area of inquiry.

As for myself, I would class myself as neither sceptic nor believer. Indeed, I've tried to show this non-tagging aspect of my work in my magazine RATTLER'S TALE, prompting one reader to write, recently:

'A little press magazine that covers such a range of live interests from Green Scene to the paranormal, yet with the feet on the ground, but NOT the feet of a monument, must be good.'

This comment encapsulates my attitude to life, making both the believer and sceptic equally wrong.

Going back to the Bermuda Triangle, I have a theory of my own. If you break down the factors of any one disappearance in the region, an apparent truth presents itself. No one individual factor - spinning gyrompasses, disorientation, banks of fog, water-spouts, etc - can be classed as paranormal. In isolation, most of these factors have been experienced by most flyers and sailors at some time in their working life. But what IS unusual about the Bermuda Triangle is the way such 'normal' events cluster.

There are other incidences of such clusterings, such as the case of

the Amtrak Silver Meteor train which, in 1983, became a total disaster area, with numerous crashes, etc, during a single journey. Such clustering of events are quite common, and come under the super-sceptics tag for all things paranormal - i.e. coincidence. He could well be right; but exceptionally short-sighted in leaving it there.

Jung and Kammerer went a long way to explaining coincidence with such terms as synchronicity and seriality. However, science itself could hold the answer to coincidence. A similar factor is enshrined in the Mathematician Bernoulli's 'law of large numbers'. He claims that an ordered event is more likely to happen with increasing numbers, events, etc. Science could well show that coincidence is essential to the paranormal.

Developing this theory, I have pointed out elsewhere that most major disasters such as Zeebrugge and Hillsborough are also preceded by a clustering of perfectly normal events, building up to the inevitability of disaster. It is therefore not too far-fetched to suggest that statistical analysis of disasters in the Bermuda Triangle could, eventually, result in more understanding of the principles behind such disasters; perhaps even offering a form of disaster prediction ability. But super-scepticism doesn't allow this, making such scepticism not only socially unacceptable, but darn-right dangerous.

Just to show how all-embracing this coincidental influence is, consider the following. My article on the similarities of stage magic to the paranormal was published a couple of days before writing this present article. It was in the same UFO DEBATE as Barclay's review of THE SCEPTIC which prompted the title of this piece. In this article I make the only mention to date of Paul Daniels. Barclay's review of THE SCEPTIC included his thoughts on the interview within said publication of, you've guessed it, Paul Daniels. To add further strangeness to the proceedings, I have written just one article on the Bermuda Triangle, showing how this coincidental influence could be the cause. This article was published in PREDICTION magazine on 10th May 1991, also within a week of writing this article, but, more interestingly, just a couple of days before the discovery of the wreckage of Flight 19.

Super-scepticism is, in my opinion, an illness. It is born out of delusions of grandeur, which are themselves caused by a condition of

repressed trauma. Basically, that which they cannot answer must be repressed out of existence, for it risks the foundations of their paradigm. Indeed, it is an influence that has existed throughout the history of scientific research. And in nearly every case, it has ended up being proved wrong. As Charles Fort once said: 'Science has done its utmost to prevent whatever science has done.'

I think it's time for those who genuinely want to know what is going on to stand up to the super-sceptics. As I said earlier, scepticism itself is a valid practice, but it has nothing to do with super-scepticism. I think it's time to reply to the super-sceptics by beginning a complimentary award to their famous 'Uri'. Perhaps a 'Randi' would be a worthwhile accolade. Either that, or send them a nappy.

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A VOYAGE TO ATLANTIS ? **BY JENNY RANGLES. (Part two)**



At the first trial time I was placed by circumstances, (I preordained nothing) in a chugging coach at the car park of my hotel gazing across a wall at a swimming pool and some chirping children leaping about in their own smaller pool. The two were interconnected by an artificial waterfall. For the second test, I purposely clambered up a pile of volcanic ash heaped up like a giant rubbish tip.

I had no idea what lay on the other side, or what view I would thus get from the top. It turned out to be a fantastic panorama down a sloping volcanic hillside with cliffs at the foot, and the harbour of Puerto de la Cruz set out before me with its whitewashed houses speckled in the sunset.

For the final trial, I again went where fate decreed. This saw me suspended on a camel half way up a mountain side of lunar desolation. I was talking and thinking French with my companion on the ride (for she spoke no English). But my main impression was of terror, as the camel seemed to have a predilection for wandering ever closer to the edge of what looked rather like a bottomless ravine. When I arrived back in England, I collated the written results. They were fascinating. At a conservative estimate, about one third of the responses were appropriate, (and I had photographs to prove where I had been). In the first test, one of the ten collated replies even actually said they saw a waterfall, "the children", and "car park" features also came up in two other responses. One of the above also added a "large white shoulder bag", I had bought this because the blue one I took with me had broken at the airport.

In the case of the second trial, there was a decrease in correct responses. The most accurate again from one of the people who was spot on in the first test. On this occasion, he suggested that I was looking at a "harbour" with twinkling lights. It was the final test which proved the least satisfactory. But this in itself was interesting. For I had decided to change the rules without telling anybody. I would do the experiment 48 hours before the date when everyone would be attempting to "tune in". But I would also record what I chanced to be doing at the time I had set. In this way I could see whether what I transmitted was more important than the tuning in process of others at the set time. The confusion appears to have weakened the results. The closest was a reference to "deserts of sand", very accurate for Lanzarote and the mountain I was climbing at the time I transmitted.

Another mentioned, "I see you in an aircraft", but added that this appeared to be a thought rather than an action. That is interesting too, because when I knew that I was going to be flying to Lanzarote, on the day in question, (but did not know the inter-island flight times). I did wonder quite seriously what it would be like to do the experiment 10,000 feet up in an aircraft. However, nothing whatsoever relevant to what I was doing at the time of the test so far as England was concerned, made its presence felt. I was then watching lizards on a rock face.

It is easy to imagine that you have been to Atlantis. The agricultural marvels of Lanzarote, strike one as evidence of some intuitive knowledge. The island is a barren volcanic desert. Yet amidst its dunes, spring onion, potato, and fruit groves. Even the names have an Atlantean tang; Soo, Uga, Ye, and Lanzarote's ancient capital Teguise. They sound weird even to a Spaniard's ears. Remnants of old place names on Atlantis? Who can say.

I took myself up to the top of Mount Teide, a 12,000 feet high sleeping volcano which dominates Tenerife. I watched the sulphur smoulder into the thin air, and pondered on Gilberto Naranjo and his close encounter here. It does feel as if you are in outer space as the clouds float beneath you. I sat awestruck trying to express my feelings. Was this the once fabled land of Atlantis? Rationally I am still unsure, but in my heart, the belief is too seductive. If I am asked where I was whilst England shivered, I will say (perhaps honestly) on a voyage to Atlantis.

(c) Jenny Randles.

Terminology. (A Classification of paranormal phrases).

OUBE : The conscious experience of being outside your own physical body and of possibly being able to see it from without, also called separation. SI : The general term designating a person's paranormal perception or ability to influence his surroundings. This includes both ESP and PK. ESP : Abbreviation of extrasensory perception, includes telepathy, clairvoyance, clairaudience pre, and retro-cognition, that is all experiences or reactions to objects, events, states, or appearances which take place without the intermediary of the senses. PSYCHE : The general term for a person's mind or total psychic capability and qualities. RSPK : Abbreviation of recurrent spontaneous psychokinesis. PRECOGNITION : The power of prophecy.

Our Radio and Television Sets are Mediums by Michael Roll

The vicious but highly efficient, Establishment propaganda machine has conned the people into thinking that scientists who are making a study of survival after death are "dabbling in the supernatural" or "dabbling in Spiritualism". Nothing could be further from the truth. Scientists, and indeed all students of philosophy, never "dabble" in anything. They do the very opposite thing to the word "dabble", they make a very careful, methodical study of every subject that they engage in. All genuine scientists who are making a study of survival after death, are reading subatomic physics. Put in simple layman's terms, they are reading a subject that is beyond the range of our five physical senses.

Before we embark on this field of study, we first of all have to find a medium. A medium is simply a transformer. Transforming something that we cannot normally see, hear, or sense, into something that we can see, hear and sense.



MICHAEL ROLL.

Our radio and television sets are mediums, there is nothing supernatural about them. Are radio and television sets "dabbling in the supernatural"? Are they dealing with a subject that is outside or beyond the laws of nature? Because that is the definition of supernatural. No, of course they are not, they are doing exactly the same function as a human medium. Sorting out signals from different wavelengths. If we go outside and look up at our aerials, we cannot see, hear, or sense the signals, but we jolly well know they are there because of the mediums that are inside our houses, our radio and television sets.

A television set is a very clever, intricate machine, but it is also an incredibly crude device when it is compared to the human brain, which we know very little about, and the human mind, which we know nothing about. We marvel at what a television set can do, but this is nothing compared to what a human medium is capable of.

EXPERIMENTS WITH MATERIALISATION MEDIUMS by Michael Roll

In the presence of materialisation mediums, my colleagues and I have had physical contact with people who once lived on Earth. We are repeating the pioneering experiments of Crookes, Richet, and Hamilton, but this time we have the benefit of modern technology together with recent revolutionary discoveries in subatomic physics, proving that reality also exists beyond our five physical senses. After taking part in these exciting experiments, all the mystery and fear of the unknown goes straight out of the window. All the people that I have met from the etheric wavelengths, including my 'dead' father, are exactly the same as we are.

We are engaged in experiments that represent the greatest scientific breakthrough in the history of mankind. Therefore, we must get it right, ie, Perfect the experiments under laboratory conditions with the same thoroughness as when Rutherford and his team split the atom at Cambridge University. I am appealing to all those working in this field of study to learn from the mistakes that have been made in the past. Never underestimate the hatred of powerful people who have a vested interest in making sure our experiments are never completed, and the results published in the scientific press.

The materialisation medium Helen Duncan was killed in 1956 from injuries she received following a police raid. Nothing like this must ever be allowed to happen again, the safety of the medium must be paramount in all experiments. Therefore it is vital that materialisation mediums never reveal their identity, and only allow scientists to witness the phenomenon that they are able to produce who have a proven track record of supporting the published works of Sir William Crookes FRS, OM, and Sir Oliver Lodge FRS. In other words, only trust scientists who have something to gain when the truth is told, and nothing to lose.

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FAMOUS UFO CASES FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

THE WHITE ACRES ENCOUNTER.

AUSTRALIA.

BY PAT GILDER.



LOCATION : 19 kilometers due west of Sale, Victoria, on the Princess Highway. A cattle Grazing property of approx. 500 acres called "WHITE ACRES".

TIME AND DATE : Tuesday 30th September 1980, 1 am 1.50 am.

PRINCIPLE WITNESS : Mr George Blackwell, the property stationhand.

WEATHER CONDITIONS : A clear star studded sky calm, no wind, with a full moon.

THE SIGHTING.

Mr Blackwell awoke from his sleep to the noise of his horse galloping around the paddock in panic, the bellowing of cattle nearby, and an unusual whistling sound. Glancing at his bedside clock, 1 am, he arose in haste and went to the back porch to investigate the commotion. Being unable to view the horse from the porch due to a small shed, Mr Blackwell climbed onto the top porch rail to view the animal. Immediately his attention was drawn to an object flying low from a south westerly direction just below a clump of trees. The object was approximately 550 ft from the porch. Mr Blackwell estimated the object to be six feet off the ground.

The object was producing a low whistling sound and emitting blue and orange lights. Mr Blackwell's thoughts were, in his own words, "Oh my God, it's an aircraft crashing". He then stood there stunned watching the object. As it cleared the trees, he realised the object was domed shaped, not an aircraft, and like nothing he had ever witnessed before.

He estimated it to be 10 ft in height, and 26 feet in length. The object proceeded in a straight line passing over fences and touched down 50ft from a concrete water tank a half a mile from the house.

Mr Blackwell returned to the bedroom, changed clothes, jumped on his motor bike and drove towards the site where the object had landed. On arriving at a closed gate, he alighted from his bike and nervously opened the gate while still observing the object. The object was stationary on the ground, the whistling sound continued, and orange and blue lights were slowly revolving. The lights were 10 ft apart, and approx. 7 inches in diameter. The object in the light of the moon was bell shaped, coloured orange, with a white dome on top.

After approximately 10 minutes the object started to lift off and Mr Blackwell mounted his bike and drove directly towards it. When 50 yards from the object the whistling noise increased in pitch like a jet engine in reverse. The noise was ear piercing as the object raised slowly into the air giving off a blast of heat. As the bike was on a slight slope, its headlights picked up the bottom of the object as it rose. Mr Blackwell noticed a large circular rim on the bottom similar to a hovercraft tube. This rim receded in width as the craft rose. Suddenly the suction reduced in the lift off as did the high pitched noise, and stones and cow pats fell from below the craft. The craft flew in an Easterly direction slowly gaining height, and Mr Blackwell observed it until it disappeared from eye sight. On returning to the house, the time was noticed as 1.50 am.

RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION.

The principle witness was notably shaken by the experience and developed headaches at 11 am that morning. Headaches were not a normal thing for the witness. He did feel tired and also had trouble sleeping. No eye trouble had developed. The physical evidence on the ground consisted of a circular brown ring 14 inches wide around the circumference with a diameter of approx. 30 ft. There were six evenly spaced half spokes pointing inwards towards the centre of the circle which had not turned brown. No radiation was evident, and soil samples were taken. The magnetic field in the area was normal.

The grass, cape weed and clover, was not burnt, but appeared to have been poisoned, creating the brown effect. The 10,000 gallon water tank nearby was nearly empty to the amazement of the witness and the owner. No explanation could be found for this.

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The stock on the property would not go anywhere near the circle. It was even impossible to force them into the paddock where the circle was. There was a distinct line of rocks and cow pats lying on the ground in an Easterly line from the circle. On examining these, it was found that they had been uprooted from another place probably the centre of the circle. A time discrepancy of approx, 20 minutes was discovered in the witnesses statement, not all the details can be produced in this report, as in all such cases we must respect the personal feelings and wishes of any witnesses.

The only other witness to be found, was young Kelly Postle from the Kilmany General Store approx, 4 kilometers away. Miss Postle stated that at 12.12 am the same morning, she saw from her bedroom window a pink ball of fire moving slowly in the west just under the southern cross. The sighting was reported to the R.A.A.F. base at Sale, and Flight Lieutenant Philip, who handles the U.A.F. reports began an investigation. On a return visit on 31st October, Mr Blackwell recalled the object actually hovered over the water tank before touching down.

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A MEMORABLE SIGHTING OF A FRIGHTENINGLY WEIRD 'ROAD RUNNER'.

BY NIGEL WATSON.

(Editor's note. Over the years I have been sent by fellow researchers various articles relating to the strange world of the paranormal, and I would now like to share with you, one of these. Although its 14 years old, it is, none the less, quite interesting. See what you make of this.)

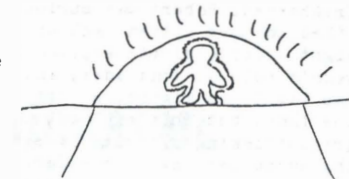
The variety and scope of the alleged appearances of UFOs and their associated occupants is enormous. Despite this spectrum of strangeness inherent in UFO reports, there is a linking similarity which binds both UFO and paranormal phenomena under a communal banner. The following sighting which occurred in the Worrall district, West Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, is one which might be linked with the UFO phenomenon, but has intrinsic characteristics which put it on the fringes of UFOlogy. Indeed, reports such as this one, make us question the simple assumptions of the ETH (extra-terrestrial hypothesis), and the framework of objective reality as a whole.

The two witnesses, Robert Holmes and Sally Jensen (1), at the time of the sighting, were parked in Myer's lane. To one side of this lane are fields, and on the other side is a council tip, and beyond that a golf course. The lane itself is only wide enough to allow two cars to pass, it is unilluminated by street lamps, and hedges border it. They had been sat in Robert's Morris Oxford estate car for 5 minutes, when a metallic blue, Ford Capri Mk II, overtook their car and carried on down the lane. The sun was setting at this time. Ten or fifteen minutes after the Capri had passed them it became completely dark, but the sky remained clear, and the weather was mild.

At approximately 9.00pm, Sally heard a 'crackling' sound, similar to that made by a person walking on autumn leaves. Looking out of the rear window of the car, Sally saw a bright orange light which was a few hundred yards away at the beginning of the lane. Robert, who didn't hear the 'crackling' sound, looked up at the rear view mirror when Sally told him about the light, but he at first thought that it was a vehicle with continental headlights, (yellow headlights Ed). But there's no headlights that shine in a half moon shape or dome shape he told me (2).

Silhouetted in the front of the bright dome shaped orange light, which grew larger as it came nearer at a fast rate, was a large broad figure with a white haze surrounding its outline.

Sally said that at first no arms were visible, and consequently, she thought that it was wearing a cape, but not long afterwards its arms were distinguishable. An effect enhanced or created (3) by the surrounding white haze, made it appear that the figure had fizzy hair and furry boots. This mysterious entity was approximately ten to eleven feet tall, and was almost (4) in the centre of the base of the semi-circular light.



Copy of sketch by Sally Jensen of figure and domed light seen in the Worrall district of Sheffield 1977.

Robert estimates that the light which extended across the road overlapping slightly onto the hedges, projected to a height of about 50 feet. A curious feature of this light was that it did not illuminate the road or the surrounding countryside. At this juncture in the proceedings, something made Robert switch on the car's Pye radio, and to his dismay, discovered that all he could receive was a persistent 'crackle'. Sally said that "it was terrible, and we knew the radio worked before we got there". Switching the radio off, Robert looked behind him and saw that the light and figure were still approaching, and faced with this strange apparition, he drove off at the fastest speed possible.

"After finding that the wireless wasn't working, I switched the ignition on and we set off. I was doing about 65 to 70 m.p.h. and it was still catching us up" said Robert. Sally claimed that she didn't hear any more from the strange phenomenon after they drove off, which was not surprising when we consider that the car's engine was producing a lot of noise due to its speed. As they drove along, they passed the Ford Capri which had parked about 50 yards further down the lane. They were going to signal to the occupants of this car, but by this time they were going at a considerable speed, and they thought they'd find out soon enough. Robert said, "it seemed to be getting closer and closer all the time, and I said at the time, 'I can't lose it' " Sally watched it through

a driving mirror which was fitted to the left hand passenger side of their car, and by intermittently turning round to watch it through the rear window, Robert saw less of the phenomenon, although, as he said, "I didn't do much concentration on the road, I kept peering through the driving mirror". All the time the base of the semi-circle of light followed the contours of the section of the road as it travelled along. It hugged the road even though there are several humps and dips in the road. Strangest of all, the figure appeared to be 'walking' all the time, even when it was pacing them at a speed of 65 to 70 m.p.h.

As they approached the end of the lane, they could see car headlights behind them, as if the Ford Capri had just started to follow them, (4). At the end of the lane Robert turned right and then, deciding to turn round, he stopped sharply and reversed his car back into Myer's lane. "We looked up the lane again and there just wasn't anything there, it was just pitch black. Both the car headlights and the bright orange light had disappeared from view" said Sally, and that was the end of their sighting.

Both of them were frightened and shaking from their experience. Although frightened, Robert was curious about what they had seen, and he would have liked to have driven back up the lane to see if he could find something that might offer a simple explanation for their strange sighting. However, Sally wasn't sold on that idea, and so they returned home. When initially seeing the light and figure, Robert jokingly said that it was a farmer walking down the lane, but that explanation soon evaporated on further observation. They tried thinking of suitable explanations to account for the various aspects of the encounter, even considering the possibility that metal in the nearby council tip might have caused the static on their radio.

Not finding any explanation that satisfied them, "we went to report it to our local newspaper, but they said that they could not print it because people would write and tell them they had seen all sorts of things. Although the man we spoke to at the newspaper believed our story", wrote Sally. (5)

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Equally sceptical reactions were received from some of their friends, and one friend's father asked if they owned a Toyota. (6)

For a while after the observation, Sally could close her eyes and see clearly in her minds eye the figure and light. The morning afterwards she was still shocked by the encounter, and,

"I couldn't speak to anybody, I was that frightened", she told me. Robert had read one or two books on UFOs before their sighting, and since then, both witnesses have seen a couple of T.V. documentaries on the subject, and seen Close Encounters of the Third Kind film. Other than consulting a few books on the subject of UFOs, they have no undue or obsessive interest in UFOs, paranormal subjects, or science fiction. Indeed, both witnesses struck me as being honest friendly people who wanted to report what they had seen. (7) Considering their sighting, they could only conclude that what they had seen was puzzling and strange, and they had no satisfactory explanation to account for it. Robert said, "I just think it could have been a projection from something". A statement reminiscent of Carl Jung's, when having dreamt of UFOs, he awoke with a thought that; 'we always think that the UFOs are projections of ours, (8) Now it turns out that we are their projections'. I am projected by the magic lantern as C.G. Jung. But who manipulates the apparatus (9)

NOTES & REFERENCES.

(1) Witnesses real names are on file. Their ages at the time of the sighting were, 19 years old, and 16 years old respectively. (2) Interview with Robert and Sally took place on November 28th 1978. (3) When drawing a sketch of the figure, Robert added hands, not because he actually saw any, but because that's where you'd expect them to be, he told me. (4) Sally felt that the figure was slightly off centre. (5) Letter written to the Daily Express newspaper early in 1978 as a result of their publicity about the CE 3 film. (6) A reference to the Toyota T.V. commercial, which showed a Toyota car and its occupants being kidnapped by a UFO. (7) Sally is an apprentice hair dresser, and Robert is a panel beater in the motor trade. (8) A reference to his idea that UFOs are projections of the 'collective unconscious' due to psychic unbalance. (9) Jung, Carl G. 'Memories, Dreams, Reflections', Routledge & Kegan Paul, London 1962, page 298.

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UFOs And The 4th Dimension. BY Audrey Hunter.

(Editor's note. I now present an article written by one of our readers, and, UFO witness, who has herself had quite a few psychic experiences. Here she writes on her feelings regarding UFOs and the Fourth Dimension).

Man is always searching for life on other planets. The Americans and Russians have spent millions on sending space probes and man piloted space shuttles into space, and so far have found nothing of note, 'or so they inform us the media' ? It is my sincere belief that other planets, or worlds, do exist parallel to our own planet Earth, in another dimension and time span, 'or Fourth Dimension', which has the power to appear and manifest its self at will to certain people who it can use as a channel.

The Christian faith which most of our culture is based on relies on the teaching of the Bible. This Holy Book tells us of a wonderful invisible world, or, planet ? called Heaven, and also of other



Beings from the
Fourth Dimension ?



Heavens or planets. It mentions Cherubs/Angels and the supermind of God, or being of light, whom no human has seen. The Bible mentions a Virgin birth, and a star which moved in the sky, The star of Bethlehem; space ship or UFO ? It states how God's son Jesus disappeared in a cloud after crucifixion, and appearing to his disciples in spirit form, and no body was ever found.

Was the son of God transported into a space ship ? back to the invisible world of the Fourth Dimension, or Heaven ? Maybe this invisible world is a planet with a race of 'superminds' who by process of evolution over thousands of years have created and developed over our planet, a magnetic field to enable them to visit us and come into our time span and dimension, and flip back at will. Those 'superminds' to me, have evolved into spirit forms, but have the power to appear to us as humans at certain times, in conditions which are suitable. Perhaps they populated this planet by genetic engineering at some point of time. They may be our future, and by the process of evolution we will be like them. I think they make contact with us by telepathic means.

The Bible tells of a new world to come, and a new Jerusalem ruled by the son of God, a Holy Spirit of perpetual light, an energy force of such proportions that the new city of Jerusalem and new world, will need no moon or sun to light it, and everyone will live in that light forever in spirit form. Perhaps by process of technology and evolution, and God given supermind development, we will triumph over death, and be alive in a spiritual condition of immortality. Somehow it may come to be, that the son of the 'supermind' of God, will come back to planet Earth from the Fourth Dimension and the invisible planet Heaven sometime in our future. This could be possible because of very advanced technology travelling in some kind of space ship made of magnetic energy and light.

I don't think all the planets in the Fourth Dimension and their people are so advanced, some may not have reached that state or stage of spirit form, but may be mutations that we on Earth see such forms with large black eyes, long arms, and flat noses. Some may be like the Cherubs or angels in the Bible. I am of the opinion that man will have to break through the Fourth Dimension to reach these other worlds and their life forms, as they had to do to reach us.

(Editor's note. Well readers, what are your views on UFOs, ghosts, psychic phenomena ? Write to ENIGMAS and let us know.

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KEN HIGGINS.

(Editor's note. The following are fairly recent UFO reports from our sister group, S.R.U.F.U. These cases are currently being Investigated.)

SRUFO have continued to receive calls from a number of witnesses in Lothian Region. In addition, I have twice been on Radio Fourth, and once on Max Am. The Sunday Mail did a small article, which although punchy, was disappointing in its content, which was, (surprise surprise), not accurately quoted. For example, the article referred to a Stirling man having seen a UFO when it should have read Livingston man. The reporter made some comments about not wanting the article to appear parochial, ie, only about West Lothian. I stressed that unfortunately for him, West Lothian was where it was all happening, and I was not prepared to lie just to sell his paper. Sadly he paid no attention and decided to quote other old sighting locations just to hit the wider audience such is life.

CASE ONE.

On Wednesday 20th November, a number of Civil Servants working for the Dept of Agriculture and Fisheries in a west Edinburgh office block, witnessed at 15.50 hours, a number of small objects making fast and erratic movements above 'Arthur's Seat' which is a large Volcanic Hill some two miles to the east of the City Centre, and about six miles line of sight from the 4th floor of the office. The objects put up quite a display, and everyone in the office stopped work to watch the show. At around 16.10 hrs, an Edinburgh bound aircraft, thought to be the Shuttle 757, came into view. As the aircraft approached the vicinity of the small objects, they all scattered upwards at great speed and did not return. SRUFO's Vincent Johnson and Ken Higgins are following up the case. The Government office staff called radio fourth, Air Traffic Control, and the Edinburgh Evening News, and Scotsman Newspapers. All three passed on details to SRUFO, (we appear to be working well together). Individual witness testimonies should be with us soon.

CASE TWO.

06.35 on Thursday 21st of November, a gentleman on his way to work by single decker bus, was only one minute from Livingston bus station when he looked upwards out of the bus window, (left hand side looking south), He was shocked to see a large "Flying Saucer" hovering above a new branch of the Bank Of Scotland, (New Almondvale car park Branch). The object is described as being very big, greyish aluminium colour, and it's base was circular, with many small sunken white lights underneath. The object when first seen, was hovering it stayed in the same spot for about 10 or 12 seconds, then shot upwards at an incredible speed. The gentleman witness works at the nearby St John's

Hospital. He swears that he is not a 'believer' in UFOs, or any other related matter. But, he claims that a "Flying Saucer" is exactly what he saw. The Gentleman will soon be interviewed by Alistair Kerr, and promises to provide a drawing of the object. These two cases are typical of the incidents being reported to SRUFO on a fairly regular basis, thus confirming our belief that we are currently undergoing a 'wave' of UFO activity. Which started around Early August 1991 and continues.

WHAT UFOLOGY MEANS TO ME, BY KEN HIGGINS.

At the ripe old age of 36 and with around 22 years of genuine UFO interest behind me, I recently asked myself the question, what is it that continues to capture my interest in the UFO subject, and why do I bother to keep an interest with it now, when the vast majority of the country's population laugh at the subject and those involved with it? I never did read science fiction comics and whilst I had my fair share of Space Family Robinson, (no connection Ed) and Star Trek episodes, I never shed crocodile tears if I missed a programme. After all, I had many other interests as we all do. I did see a strange moving light at the age of 14, and yes, it was this incident that started me off. I also saw my second unexplained object a few weeks ago, which despite being quite spectacular and seen by others, did not see me doing somersaults with excitement. Perhaps the reason for this is deep down perhaps I'm thinking, is all this worthwhile? Who's bothered anyway? and what good is all this study and research and investigation doing? Most of us work for a living, we all have family and many other commitments and interests that at times suffer through our 'UFO adiction', so where is all this leading us?

If witnesses contact a UFO group following a sighting of an unexplained object or lights in the sky we are interested, we try to visit them, we listen intently, we take notes, we check maps, and fill out investigation reports. Sometimes we phone official bodies like the police to check out stories, we check with Air Traffic control, and 'sometimes' we gain co-operation. Occasionally the media hear about the reported incidents, and they put out details on press or on radio. But where is all this leading us? and what good are we doing? WHAT IMPACT ARE WE HAVING? 'is anyone in authority really interested in what we are up to, or, are we our own worst enemies?

Perhaps it is time to look inward to ourselves, to our image and importance in the community, and with official bodies who perhaps write us off as freaks, whether UFO, Sci-fi, psychic, or just plain sic. YES it hurts, but Jo public and most official bodies just simply don't give us a credibility rating of more than 0. So what has caused this situation which is not predominant in other European Countries. Nations like France and Belgium and the Scandinavian Countries where official UFO bodies are treated with a little more respect and even gain Government cooperation.

A recent conversation with one of the U.K.s top Government UFO Coordinators gave me a few hints at why we do not gain cooperation. Barring the official secrets act which is a no go area, and this closes the door when we pry too deep.

We, the UFO Fraternity, do not appear to behave too professionally when dealing with official bodies. This problem starts with people like local policemen Air Traffic Controllers, and escalates all the way up to MOD and to Whitehall. During a recent discussion with several Whitehall Departments, I was eventually transferred to the UFO group Coordinator for the U.K. A very pleasant chap with a busy job, but, despite this, he took time to at least provide me with what information he could, and he was a little gob smacked when I thanked him for his help. It seems these people have been only used to insults and accusations of "What else are you guys covering up", and, "is this all that you are prepared to give me", and, "What a load of f....*....* Rubbish", and similar comments.

Just in case you think I've been Abducted, sorry, I mean carried away, let me reassure you that this conversation actually took place, and yes I have received some information which will be treated confidentially and with respect because that's the name of the game now. If we want to go forward with UFOLOGY in the U.K. then we need to change our style and image. I don't mean designer suits and the like, I mean just simple things like getting closer to official bodies, and if it means starting off with the local policeman, then that's the way we should go.

We seem to spend so much time doing in house fighting and firing rockets at fellow UFOlogists, and less time on how we might turn internal competition into external cooperation. I am not an expert, indeed, I would class myself as a novice in UFOlogy, but I am also concerned at the energy we waste on unproductive squabbling. The way ahead means more cooperation, professionalism and courtesy from grass roots stuff, upwards. Do you agree?

KEN HIGGINS, FOR SRUFO.

(EDITOR'S COMMENT).

Yes I for one Ken would mirror your views on UFOlogy at the moment, but having said that, I'm sure that it is just a minority of UFOlogists who squabble in the way you mentioned to Government bodies. Courtesy surely is the way, with a pleasant delivery to official bodies from ourselves in seeking their assistance. Being 'pushy and cheeky' will do us no good. Being professional about our business is what it's all about. So let's hope Investigators North and South of the border take note. UFOlogy is serious, let's act serious.

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News Desk Extra.

■ DON'T FRET? Owing to the extra coverage in this issue relating to the erection of the cairn and plaque to commemorate the Livingston UFO Incident, we have unfortunately had to exclude our 'letters to the Editor' and 'Fireside Tales' feature, but don't fret, these will return in our next issue. ■ VIRGIN MARY PHOTOGRAPH. We are still no further forward, as yet, in our evaluation of the Virgin Mary photograph, (see last issue), we still await answers, more when we have them.

BY MR LAZSLO KISS, HUNGARIAN UFO NETWORK.

Some very strange events took place On Friday, 17th November 1989, in Hencida, a small village in Eastern Hungary. In the evening Sandor Gyorke, a 45 year old tractor driver, was working on soil cultivation. At about 6.30 pm he arrived at the fields where he was to work when he noticed a 'fire' burning between the forest of the farmers cooperative and forestry, a half km from him, at the corner of Miklosi-erdo.

He set the controls of his tractor and began his work as usual, still watching the fire. This took approximately a quarter of an hour after which the fire was still burning although there was an absence of smoke. He took little further notice of this and began to work in the field again. After his first trip around the field he observed a red light which descended and encircled his tractor. This light could be seen to come only half way up the tractor from ground level. This strange light extended some 60 metres from the tractor. All the instruments of the tractor worked fine. He stopped the engine and could not hear any other noise. So, he stepped out of the tractor and walked around it. He could see nothing apart from this red light. Upon entering the light he skin began to crawl and upon leaving the light this sensation left also.

He remained near the tractor for some 4-5 minutes before returning to the tractors driving compartment. It was at this point that he suddenly had a feeling that something terrible had happened. He became extremely frightened and didn't know what to do. He became even more frightened when the light began to move up-and-down. After a few moments of this he decided that he had had enough and restarted the tractors engine. Moving away he noticed that the light remained above and after regaining his composure he continued with his work in the field.

Mr Gyorke made four or five trips around the field with the light in constant attention. It seemed that he could not shake of this light and he actually feared for his life. After considering the situation he decided to look for two of his colleagues who should have been working nearby. He drove the tractor to a nearby river after which he lost sight of the strange light.

A few minutes later he noticed that the tractors cooling system was over heating. He checked the cooling system but could find no reason for the over heating. He had never had any trouble like this previously and could not understand it. Driving back along the riverside he noticed the light again and an object which appeared to be either on the ground or hovering just above it. This strange object was described as looking like it was in two parts. The lower part was a symmetrical vertical cylinder while the upper part was a vertical cylinder with 'pins' coming out of it at right angles. These pins emitted red and white light.

Mr Gyorke observed this object for some 15 minutes. He felt safe as the river was between him and the object. The object remained stationary and Mr Gyorke continued with his work. He made another three trips around the field, again followed by the strange light. This time he could see that the light was coming from the object he had seen earlier on the ground. The object was finally lost from sight at around 10.00 pm. Mr Gyorke continued working until 6.00 am the following morning. That morning a colleague noticed that the tractor was covered in a kind of black soot which was later washed off. Two days later a

visit to the site produced a round dry area in the field where the object had been observed on the ground. Neither the witness nor the tractor suffered any ill effects nor was the object identified.

On the same evening, Sandor Harangi and Zsigmond Gyori were ploughed the fields near Hencida. They had been at work for some hours when Mr Harangi observed a triangle of red light in the western sky. The object looked almost like a 'christmas tree' and was in view for a couple of minutes before it disappeared. They continued about their work but after about 5 minutes the object reappeared. Again they watched it for a few minutes before it disappeared again. They saw the object again at about 11.00 pm that night, but only for about 10 seconds. Another man by the name of Sandor Szabo quite independently reported seeing a red 'christmas tree' shaped object the same evening.

Sandor Rosza and his family were driving from Hencida to Nagykerereki at 8.00 pm. On the way they observed a red ellipse-shaped 'fireball'. This fireball seemed to approach their car before returning to its original position. These sightings were widely reported in the local newspapers. Explanations for them ranged from weather balloons to astronomical bodies. Investigator of the case Mr Laszlo Kiss is confident that these explanations are incorrect and that the sightings remain unidentified. Many thanks to Mr Laszlo Kiss of the Hungarian UFO Network for the above report. Mr Kiss can be contacted at: HUFON, 4002 Debrecen Pf: 160, Hungary.

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CREATURES OF THE WOOD BY BOB

BOB TAYLOR
yesterday
showed off his
drawing of a
spacecraft.

And told of the
strange creatures
he encountered.

It happened,
according to Bob, on
lonely Deer Hill,
West Lothian.

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The 61-year-old
forestry worker spoke
of alien aggression
after he spotted the
craft and creatures in a
clearing in the woods.

Bob, of 4
Broomieknowe Drive,
Deans, Livingston, said:
"The craft was round,
about 20 to 30 feet
across.

"It was a dull grey,
but seemed to change
colours.

"Two round things
like balls, with metal

legs sticking out, rolled
towards me and tried to
take me into the craft.

"There was no noise
except for the sound of
the two balls rolling.

Bob said there was an
overpowering smell,
which made him choke.
Just before he lost
consciousness, he
heard his dog barking.

When he came to he
found his trousers

ripped and the craft
and the creatures gone.

His boss Malcolm
Drummond, head of
Livingston Develop-
ment Corporation's
Forestry Department,
said: "If anyone else
had told me the story, I
would have laughed.

"But not Mr Taylor. He
is an adult, sensible
man, whom I respect."

A police spokesman
said: "We are still
investigating.

"This man definitely
saw something."



BOB TAYLOR
"Round objects."

Now UFO is official

Authority recognise 'landing'

It was Scotland's most famous close encounter — when a 30ft high UFO was said to have landed on the slopes of Dechmont Law at Livingston.

Now, more than a decade later, Livingston Development Corporation have erected a small memorial to mark the sighting.

It is believed to be the first time anywhere in the world that a public body has officially recognised such a claim.

And UFO groups are planning to arrange their own special ceremony to highlight the importance of the spot.

Forester Bob Taylor hit the headlines in November 1979 with his account of the first claimed spacecraft landing in Britain.

Tall Mr Taylor, now 73, claimed he stumbled across the UFO in a clearing in a wood. As he watched, two round spiky objects like Second World War mines dropped from the craft and rolled towards him

by IAN KYLE

He collapsed, and when he awoke his body was bruised and his clothes torn. Police found depressions in the ground where he said he had been and no official explanation has ever been offered for the encounter. Mr Taylor said today: "I am

still positive it was some sort of strange craft."

Redford, he lives in Perthshire.

Ron Halliday, chairman of

Strange Phenomena Investigations, said he was surprised the

memorial had been erected without any ceremony.

"We are proposing to have a

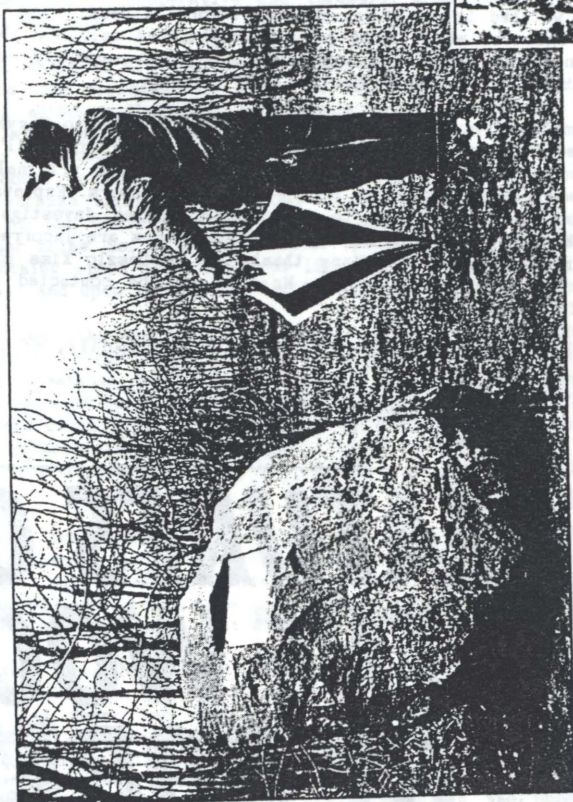
little opening ceremony of our

own. We will be inviting other

UFO groups along once we have

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UFO SITE:
The plaque marks the spot where forester Bob Taylor (below) says he came across the UFO in 1979.



made the arrangements. This is a world first to have an official public body putting up a plaque to mark an incident like this."

Paul Filipek, head planner with Livingston Development Corporation, said a plaque had been set into a small cairn at Dechmont Law.

Mr Halliday added that investigations were continuing into various reported UFO sightings in West Lothian.

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Cairn Marks The Spot. BY Ron Halliday.



RON HALLIDAY.

The decision by Livingston Development Corporation, (LDC) to erect a cairn in Dechmont wood, marks the successful culmination of a three year campaign by SPI to have Bob Taylor's remarkable 1979 sighting publically marked. It was back in 1988 that the SPI committee of Malcolm Robinson, Frank McKay, and Ron Halliday, agreed to propose that a plaque should be erected at the site of Scotland's most famous UFO Incident.

It was on November the 9th 1979, that forestry worker Robert Taylor came upon a translucent space ship like object in a clearing in Dechmont Wood. Two round spikey objects came towards him and Bob passed out. When he came to, his trousers were ripped, and the objects had disappeared. Depressions were later found in the ground where the objects had been seen. That is a very brief summing up of a very complicated incident. It was an encounter which made International headlines, and has ever since intrigued, not only dedicated UFO Investigators, (our own Malcolm Robinson was one of the first on the scene), but the general public too.

Following an official approach from SPI to the LDC, SPI were pleasantly surprised when the LDC through their public relations man, Dean Swift, responded positively. A plaque was promised, it was even hinted that SPI would be consulted about the shape of the plaque and any wording printed on it. It was definitely stated that we would be invited to the opening ceremony. Unfortunately not one of these promises came to fruition. Bob Taylor's name for example, does not appear on the plaque, in spite of our protests, publically made in the press. The plaque in fact, contains a reference to Arthur C Clarke. With all due respect to the great man, he is NOT the key person in the event. A mention of Bob Taylor's name would have been wholly appropriate, (see Editorial for exact wording, Ed). However, these circumstances apart, I still feel that the LDC deserve our congratulations for being prepared to publically acknowledge the significance of this 1979 event. It is a first, and despite the curios

secrecy in which it was carried out, SPI were only informed 'after the event' the erection of the cairn is to be welcomed. As the LDC has decided not to have a ceremony, SPI will be going ahead with its own. Bob Taylor has been consulted, and hopefully he will be able to make the journey from his home to attend. We at SPI very much hope that he will do so. A definite date during the spring is under consideration. The weather situation makes the spring option more likely.

Arrangements for the unique event are being discussed. Ideas from other UFO groups and individuals would be welcomed. All interested parties would be informed in plenty of time of the events planned for the ceremony. Watch this space.

(Editor's Comment)

As Ron points out in his article, SPI intend holding our own opening ceremony in Dechmont Wood at the site of this encounter. We have our own ideas about what we would like to see happen at this ceremony, but we would ask you, our readers, to send off to Ron, (his address can be found on page 2), your thoughts on what YOU would like to see occur. After all, this has never been done before, and an official ceremony is an important feature in representing UFOlogy.

So send off to Ron, your views on what YOU would like to see happen at our opening ceremony. Indeed let Ron know if you would care to attend. Be there or be square.

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Jings Not Long Now !

By Malcolm Robinson



Readers are no doubt well aware of the visions of the Virgin Mary which have occurred at many places all over the world, but it was in Fatima in Portugal in 1917 that much publicity arose which concerned visions of the Virgin Mary to three young girls in which verbal communication was allegedly spoken to them concerning future events.

Much has been written and spoken about these three future prophesys, in which two have already come true. The first being that, two of the children spoken to by the Virgin Mary, would soon die, and in fact they both did within the year. The second prophecy concerned the end of World War One, and the start of World War Two, and also the conversion of the USSR public, (now C.I.S.) into Christianity, in which I was surprised to see on T.V. recently, Church Ministers in the C.I.S. administering Baptism in public baths to various individuals, from young children to elderly people, (looks like this one is coming true as well ?) The C.I.S. is currently awash, (excuse the pun) with baptism ceremonies.

The third prophesy was deemed too horrendous to reveal, and in 1943 the Vatican ordered the third child, Lucia, to put this prediction on paper, and swear that she would never reveal its content to anyone. A journalist from Italy, a chap called Mario Soluri, who it's claimed "knows a lot of people", (he doesn't know me ?) somehow managed to obtain this third and final prophesy, how, the report does not say. Anyway here's the big bit,

It looks like next year 1993, is going to be one hellava bad year for us all, (as if the poll tax wasn't bad enough ?) My source reads, ..."a great plague will befall mankind in 1993, nowhere in the world will there be order, and Satan will rule the highest places determining the way of things.

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A huge war will erupt, fire and smoke will fall down from the sky, the waters of the ocean will turn to mist, and the foam will rise to tremendous heights

and everyone will drown. Millions and millions of men will die from hour to hour, whoever remains alive will envy the dead. So remember folks, no matter where you book your summer holiday for 1993, it won't be much fun. For me, well I'll just put on a Kate Bush C.D. and administer some whisky and lemonade and hope like all other Armageddon prophesys, this one doesn't come true.

(Credit & Source, The Weekly World News June 1991. The Skeptic Nov/Dec 1991.)

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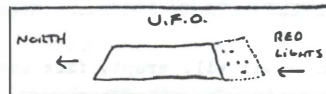
Muchalls UFO Hot Spot ?

BY Tom Allen.

(Editor's Comment. As Brian McMullen guitarist with the CE IV UFO/Rock group would say, "what the hell is happening here" ? This aptly applies to UFO sightings which are occurring near the Scottish village of Muchalls in North East Scotland, (near Aberdeen), I now present a quite interesting account of UFO lights/objects seen by a chap who has witnessed them in this location over the years, (and captured them on video). See what you make of this.)

I must tell you of what happened last weekend, (31st Jan to 2nd Feb 1992). I was in Muchalls for the first time since October, (The second video). I did not rent a video camera because I wanted to concentrate on the binoculars and get a good look. I arrived at the first place, (the scene of the first video) at around 6.45pm on Friday the 31st. I had no sooner got out of the car when a 'flying machine' floated past. As best as I could make out, it looked like the following, (see drawing below). Red lights were pulsating at the back.

I flashed my headlights but there was no reply. It made no sound. A few moments later, a passenger jet passed noisily in the other direction. A few moments later a red light appeared and quickly 'extinguished'. I then moved to the second sight, (The second video) 'These videos are with SPI, Ed'. to get off the road. I went down a farm road, it had a stop sign and markings. I parked in a siding and looked at a 'star' in the sky from my car.

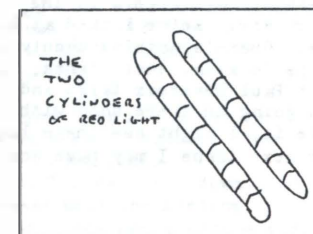


I then got out of the car and heard a gun fire shot in my direction, then another, then another. I quickly got back into the car. Stupidly, I did not think that I was the target. About 7.30pm, a car rolled up with four female (I think ?) passengers. A man got up out of the car and asked what I was doing. I replied that I was "waiting". He said that I was on private property and would take the registration number of my car, (which he did), I moved back onto the public road a bit shaken.

I had moved only about a quarter of a mile when 'three' objects appeared in the sky. I stopped the car to get out and look at them. They were stationary in the sky, I did not hear any sound at all from that range. A driver in a range rover then stopped to see if I had broken down. As he stopped his car the objects immediately flew off, (they made very little sound). The other driver was unaware of what was happening. I told him that my car was in a little trouble but was alright now.

Finally (and this is the clincher), I drove for another three or four minutes and then turned the car around to get back. On my way back, I spotted a red light above a small hill. I stopped the car and got out the binoculars. The sight was amazing.

Two red "cylinders" of red light, in parallel and at an angle to the ground pulsated slowly. This was solid light and not a few single lights. Below these cylinders was a white light. The whole structure was about the height of the trees in altitude. There was no sound that I could hear. I am now 100% certain that there is an intelligence behind all of this, and that this is NOT a natural phenomenon. This technology is perhaps, (dare I say it), thousands of years ahead of ours. The light is almost certainly a 'by product' of the propulsion system.



I was thinking that maybe the 'red cylinders' was on its way out of the hill itself ? That is speculation, everything else I am telling you now is factual. To speculate further, I believe there to be only two other main possibilities for the intelligence behind these "flying machines".

- (a) Visitors from space, or 'inner space' ?
- (b) Mankind itself ?

For (b) I would rule out the M.O.D. (Ministry Of Defence) we do not have the technology, nor will we have it for generations to come. As an engineer, I am astounded with this technology and seeing it even from a distance, is an honour. Not only that, but they appear to be able to 'track' human beings from a distance and distinguish them from others. They seem to want to display their technology from a distance to me at least, and probably a few others in the area I guess. They do not wish to communicate, at least at the moment. They are obviously not hostile.

I would guess that there is no need to communicate with us, since there is nothing that 'they' would learn from us that they don't know already. Therefore, the only conclusion I can come to at this stage is that, 'they are humans from our future learning a "living history", they cannot interfere for obvious reasons'. The display of their craft is a form of test for us, a bit like putting a dummy bird on a bird table. Failing this explanation, I haven't the foggiest.

(Editor's Comment :)

These strange lights in the Muchalls area, have been witnessed by Tom for some years now. We've looked at his two videos, and these lights are very plain to see. There's nothing unduly spectacular about them, and no distinct solid shape is seen, just lights. Could these be natural 'Earth Lights' of the kind that Paul Devereaux talks and writes about? Well who knows, I know one thing I'm going up there soon with fellow researchers, and hopefully, if luck will have it, I might see these lights myself, (and film them). So hopefully in our next issue I may have something to tell you. Stay tuned.

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News Desk Extra.

■ **HEALING HANDS.** Irishman Finbarr Nolan (39) a respected faith healer, has set up a clinic in Edinburgh, (the Aids capital of Europe) to help all kinds of ailments, but more importantly, this seventh son of a seventh son, wants to try his powers on Aids victims. He said, "I believe I can help people with Aids, I can't promise a cure, but I have certainly made sufferers lives better". Finbarr who has cured many people over the years, added celebrity Bernard Manning to his impressive list, as he cured a collapsed disc in the neck of this controversial comedian. Mr Manning stated, "he laid his hands on the back of my neck and they were all hot and trembling, it was like a sun ray lamp, it was a warm comfortable feeling and I've had no trouble since".

Cropcircle Communique (The Video).

Reviewed By Ron Halliday.

Cropcircle Communique is a video nearly an hour and a quarter in length from 'CIRCLEVISION', on, as you might have guessed, Crop circles produced by John Macnish. It is a visually stunning, but also informative and stimulating. Magnificent shots of dozens of different circles, are interspersed with interviews with leading figures in the field, (excuse the pun), including, Colin Andrews, Dr Terrence Meaden, Pat Delgado, Busty Taylor, etc. Perhaps because this is not a traditional T.V. production, some of those interviewed give free reign to their view of the phenomenon. According to Windgate, we are definitely dealing with a supermature intelligence, and, "crop circles are at an interface between this dimension and others".

An Astrologer, (not the one in Private Eye), states that there are a lot of symbols that only Astrologers would understand turning up in circles. Why the makers of the circles should leave messages for Astrologers remains unexplained. On the other hand Busty Taylor informs us, "we are on an education trip", and claims that the circles form Celtic symbols, ie, mankind is gradually being led along a knowledge curve to the final revelation, an argument which clearly has its place, but who's justification awaits development.

Terrence Meaden's plasma vortex theory, is given the once over and the problem of Chiming it with more complex circle patterns is discussed. "It does not comply with the law of angular momentum" was one comment, which struck me even if I didn't understand it, physics was never my strong point.

The issue of hoaxing is squarely faced up to, and Doug and Dave are shown in action. It is clear that the self styled experts CAN be hoaxed, although the circle provided by "double D" did not look particularly convincing. Pat Delgado makes some telling criticisms on the video, I like, "all down to a hoax" theory. The closing part of the video moves back into the mystical arena. An Astrologer reminds us that we are entering the 'New Age', and we are also building up to a powerful conjunction in 1993, more crop circles are assumed.

Moving deeper into the esoteric, the film calls up the opinion of the Hopi Indians of the significance and meaning of the circles. The answer appears to be that "Mother is in serious trouble" (Mother Earth that is, Ed), Personally I don't doubt it, but I'm not convinced I need the appearance of crop circles to confirm it.

If I have a criticism of the video, it is in the marvel in which music is used to create an almost religious messianic backdrop; crop circles move ever closer to millennialism. One issue which goes to the heart of the crop circle



TERRENCE MEADEN. PHOTO BOB FARCIAY.

phenomenon is the apparent concentration on the south-east of England. Of course there may be a scientific answer to this, but if not, I wonder if those who see the answer in the mystical, have pondered the implications. Do they believe that there is something special about the area? That the fields of rural England have been singled out for a message of world wide significance? If crop circles say anything, it is usually connected with the current state of the English psyche.

CROPCIRCLE COMMUNIQUE Reviewed by Ron Halliday. CROPCIRCLE COMMUNIQUE is available price £14.99 from 'CIRCLEVISION' P.O. Box 36, Ludlow, Shropshire, England, SY8 3ZZ. Cheques made payable to CIRCLEVISION please.

(Editor's note.) The following is a paragraph from the publicity flyer which accompanies CROPCIRCLE COMMUNIQUE, it reads, ".....One of the UFO sequences is the video shot by Constantin and Dominic Von-Durchein at a formation at Manton, Marlborough on 18th August 1991. This shows a series of small objects each about the size of a tennis ball approaching the camera over and around the edge of the crop formation. The objects seem to move in a purposeful manner and at one point, one of the objects leaves the surface of the crop and flies into the air. As yet no one has been able to explain this remarkable footage.

It's interesting to compare it with a similar object recorded during the flight of Concorde back in the early seventies. Again a small ball of light is seen which seems to fly alongside the aircraft travelling at a few hundred miles an hour, before shooting up and away....."

So for followers of the crop circle phenomena, this video is a must. We at SPI strongly recommend it.

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News Desk Extra

SEND FOR THE GHOSTBUSTERS ? This was the headline from Scotland's Sunday Mail Newspaper of February 9th, in which it claims, 'Giant shop site haunted by jinx'. We learn that a multi million pound shopping complex has had a series of disasters, which some feel, are a direct result of the complex being built over a cemetery. The shopping Centre is Falkirk's Callender Square Complex, and has seen a number of setbacks in which work has been stopped over rows concerning access through a local beauty spot and also the building company going bust.

Glasgow psychic Frank Pilkington was sent in, and using his pendulum, dowsed the area and revealed that the site over the graveyard, was built on a ley line. He went on to say, "the ley line was one of the mysterious lines of powerful magnetic force that cross the country and which psychic Investigators believe can release negative energy if they are disturbed. This has probably been an area of worship since Pagan times. There's a very bad negative feeling, I'm not surprised they've had problems. They should exhume the graves, or there could be a poltergeist difficulty". Don't ghosts have sell by dates ???

The Devils Of Paradise.

By Alexey Priyma.



ALEXEY PRIYMA.

(Editor's comment : I'm pleased to say that overseas cooperation is still in abundance, in which SPI have been receiving reports of not only UFOs, but of ghosts and other paranormal events. Our English colleague Philip Mantle, has been extremely helpful in enabling SPI to obtain contacts with overseas researchers, and our next feature concerns Russian (C.I.S) author, Alexey Priyma, with extracts from his book The Devils Of Paradise. A Russian perspective then into the paranormal. Interesting stuff, read on.)

ALEXEY PRIYMA : Social anthropologist, specialist in specific structures, general director of the Centre for the Investigation of Anomalous Contact situations, Moscow, C.I.S.

ALEXEY PRIYMA ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS BOOK :

I am 42 with my 116 articles on literary and folklore studies that earned me two prizes in literature. I consider myself to be a professional writer. Today I have 12 articles on encounters with alien elements, (UFO operators, poltergeists, etc) that have never been published. We Russian UFOlogists work in the very difficult conditions. Only in 1990 we began to publish in the Soviet press on articles about UFOs, and only in 1991, began to publish the books about these questions. My first book will be published in February 1992.

During the last 13 years, I have been engaged in gathering information about anomalous phenomena and its analysis. With this aim in view, I have taken part in Instrumental Investigations of the places where "flying saucers" landed, or where poltergeists and other anomalous phenomena were registered. To create my unique collection of materials on the history of anomalous phenomena in Russia in the 12th-20th centuries, I spent hundreds of hours in the largest libraries (both in Moscow and outside it) reading the earliest and old Russian books and manuscripts.

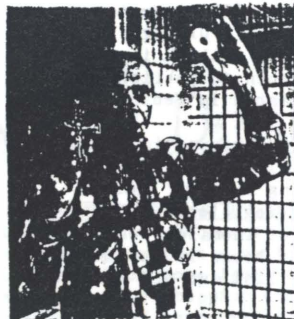
This book is based on these materials. I feel it important to note that the historical material is correlated in the book with modern Russian evidence of encounters with crews of "flying saucers", demons, ghosts, etc. My personal bank of similar 'present day' evidence is extensive and is growing. What I see as my main task is 'identification of the behavioural patterns' that the non-people exhibit in their meetings with people. I describe some of my sensational experiments on contacts with the evil spirits. These are the most interesting pages in my book. Upon reading some of the chapters, two respected members of the Soviet academic community were quite enthusiastic about it and called it "the most fascinating book they have ever read". It makes interesting reading and captivates the reader. Alexey Priyma.

ALEXEY PRIYMA, THE DEVILS OF PARADISE, (PRELIMINARY REMARKS).

This book deals with the anomalous phenomena that have been in evidence in Russia since time immemorial, and that have been known under the blanket term of the evil spirits phenomena. There is a category of people who are unable to imagine, even for a moment, that there is a grain of truth in what the stories about evil spirits current in all countries tell. The inborn psychological traits shut their minds to the anomalous phenomena (AP). Many times I ran into such people, and I am now convinced that this is precisely a feature of their psychological make up. They are incapable of consciously thinking over the inexplicable in the same way as they would find it impossible to jump out of a plane without a parachute.

Any stories about alien phenomena that defy explanation, are for such people, nothing more than a jumble of meaningless words that have neither system nor any reasonable explanation. They give hostile reception to the attempts to analyse such stories and treat them seriously. They believe them to be malicious inventions. My book is not intended for them. My advice to such people is to lay aside the book and do something else instead. The book provides a historical review of anomalous phenomena. It also approaches analytically, the numerous amazing stories about the contacts of our compatriots with the beings that have a scientific name of, "anthropoid forms of intelligent life" that have allegedly taken place.

The main figures in the book are "extraterrestrial flyers" who are UFO operators crews of 'flying saucers', the "masters" or, wood goblins and house spirits, invisible ghosts, or poltergeists, ghosts or 'spirits of the dead'. I also tell about the incorporeal creatures that the people who have experienced clinical death during their short trips beyond their bodies. In short, the main



ALEXEY PRIYMA ATTEMPTS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH NON HUMAN INTELLIGENCIES.

figures in my book are 'non people' This is a book about contacts with 'non people', and only with them. Any other AP caused by, for example, the still unclear bioenergetical characteristics of the human organism, are left outside the scope of the book.

My discussion proceeds against the background of a constant search for dialectical interconnections and meaningful ties inside that section of reality (both past and present) that is the most puzzling component of life. I believe it important to emphasise from the very beginning, that this component is guided by the laws of 'non-human' logic and 'non-human' consciousness.

Seemingly, this leads to a conclusion that any attempts to penetrate the "schizoid" logic are doomed to failure. All human efforts to open this

I think that the first task is to 'identify the behavioural patterns' evident in the conduct of anthropoid creatures when they meet people. Such patterns if and when discovered, might serve an indication of where to look for the key itself. In the book, there is no answer to the question why the evil spirits seek contacts with the people. In the same way I do not provide answers to many other questions. What I offer my readers, are not the final explanations, but 'hypotheses'. The reader is free to adopt, or reject them.

My book, is a book of hypotheses.

Evidently, the author proceeded from the assumption that the greater part of evidence about contacts with the evil spirits is not an idle creation of those addicted to black humour. A comparative analysis of eye-witness accounts brings out an amazing similarity, and shared details that can be found in every story of this kind, no matter to what period of time or geographical region they belong to. The phenomenon of the evil spirits belong to the WORLD AS A WHOLE, and have stable spatial and temporal characteristics. This is the hinge of my book.



A. PRIYMA SEEN HERE WITH A FELLOW RESEARCHER, CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO A HAUNTED HOUSE.

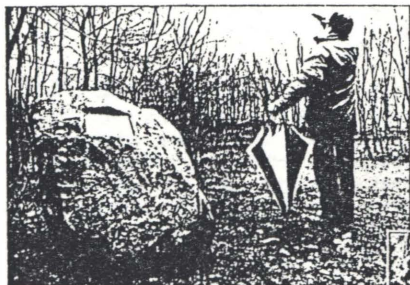
This should not be taken to mean that the author is a simpleton ready to accept and blood chilling story of an encounter with the evil force as true. Far from it. I give much attention in my book to the problem of verification, of the stories about contacts with the 'non-human' forms of intelligent life. This is one of the major points. I arrange a sort of indirect cross examination of those who reported on their contacts with the evil spirits. I compare their accounts and go into tiny details of their circumstances. Some pages in my book read like a report by a commission of legal experts.

On the concluding pages of the book, the results of my investigations are summarised to form a hypotheses on the nature of the phenomenon of the evil spirits. Let me emphasise what I offer. It is a hypothesis and not the final truth. Mine is not a universally applied and flawless construct. It is merely 'my own, and only my own', interpretation of the situations of contacts. I am open minded about my variants, any of them might prove to be partially true or not true at all. Everything can happen. My readers have to take on trust my assurances that I have discarded 18 possible explanations, one after another until I found the most plausible one. I did this with a feeling of doom, since all the results I got through my investigations of particular situations, persistently pointed in one and the same direction, like the needles of numerous compasses. My book is about a possibility of the impossible.

I am far from imposing my findings on the readers, or regarding my conclusions as the truth in the final instance. Even those who refuse to share my views will obtain a vast body of information that makes the world around us look more full blooded and true to reality. I think that the huge amount of facts and numerous illustrations, are the 'chief scientific merit' of the book that can be of tremendous help for future researchers. (Editor's note : and we shall be dealing with these facts in part two).

news desk

STRANGE PHENOMENA INVESTIGATION



■ **FRONT COVER DESIGN.** SPI would like to thank Gerry Lovell of Wells Somerset England, for submitting his cover design for this issue of ENIGMAS, nice one.

■ **A FLIED CROFTER ?** From the Aberdeen newspaper the Press and Journal of the 8th of January, we learn that baffled crofters of Sandwick Shetland Scotland, have witnessed strange flashing lights, not just in the sky, but above some grass. Crofter Arthur Moar explained that he had in fact been witness to these lights over a number of years but didn't say too much for fear of being ridiculed. One of his more interesting sightings, was that of a 'flashing object' in which he claimed landed close to his house and showed within a bright light, a 'globe of the world'. Professor Archie Roy speculated that these lights might have been a bright fireball or meteorite, but wasn't entirely sure, but did admit that it was 'all very strange indeed'. SPI's Ron Halliday has been in touch with Mr Moar, and received back from him, his SPI UFO sighting report form. Further contacts shall be made in an attempt to clarify this sighting and make some understanding of it. More later.

■ **NESSIE FOUND ?** Yes this was the headline from Scotland's biggest selling newspaper, The Daily Record. Seemingly Nessie, our own Loch Ness Monster, was captured by the yanks, (well who else come on) on December the 22nd 1991. She was trapped in a steel net and was fed on a daily diet of 200lbs of tuna. She became so tame, the story goes, that she even let divers stroke her. Zack Hagar, a special correspondent for the Weekly World News of which broke this

story, claims Nessie is 70 feet in length, and weighs 20 tons, (and no one noticed this aquatic abduction from the shores of Loch Ness ?) A French scientist is quoted as saying "we are currently taking samples from it then we will release it, my gut feeling is that we have captured the last dinosaur on Earth". What a load of old codswallop. Betty Gallagher curator of the Loch Ness Exhibition Centre at Drumnadrochit, Loch Ness, summed up this whole episode by stating, "it really is the most appalling rubbish". Hear hear Betty. So hands off our Nessie Yanks, she's there all right, but she won't be taking no vacation the the USA. Like porridge and the Sunday Post, she's Scotland's institution. ■ **THE LIGHT OF HER LIFE.** Actress Elizabeth Taylor revealed to the press recently that during a bout of pneumonia she experienced what she could only describe as death. She claims that it happened 30 years ago in hospital. She had stopped breathing for around 5 minutes during which she experienced herself going through a long tunnel in which she saw a strong white light at the end, she said, "the light was wonderful, and I wanted to go into it" She also claims that she saw her third husband, Mike Todd, who died in a plane crash, at the end of this tunnel and who told her that she must go back. She did, and Liz now shares this common Near Death Experience with countless others. **THE PLAQUE.** Well that's it for this issue. We at SPI finally managed to get official recognition to a UFO landing, we're thrilled to bits.